

Subject Substance use disorder treatment rate increase

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Overview

This bill modifies and adds to definitions in chapter 254B, governing substance use disorder treatment services, and makes corresponding changes pertaining to enhanced reimbursement rates for specified programs. The bill then provides a 5% rate increase for substance use disorder treatment services provided by culturally specific or culturally responsive programs, or disability responsive programs, on or after July 1, 2021. The bill also directs the commissioner of human services to develop a statewide implementation and transition plan for culturally and linguistically appropriate services (CLAS), and appropriates money for grants to substance use disorder treatment providers to implement these standards.

Summary

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| 1 | Culturally specific or culturally responsive program.
Amends § 254B.01, subd. 4a. Modifies the definition of “culturally specific program” for purposes of chapter 254B, expanding it to include culturally responsive programs. Requires attestation that program requirements are satisfied and adds requirements that must be met for a program to qualify under the definition. |
| 2 | Disability responsive program.
Amends § 254B.01 by adding subd. 4b. Adds definition of “disability responsive program.” |
| 3 | Rate requirements.
Amends § 254B.05, subd. 5. Removes language pertaining to programs serving special populations (moved to definitions in sections 1 and 2) from clause establishing enhanced rates for culturally specific programs; adds “culturally responsive” terminology from definition in section 1; adds disability responsive programs to list of programs that may receive enhanced rates. |

Section	Description
4	<p>Culturally specific or culturally responsive program and disability responsive program provider rate increase.</p> <p>Amends § 254B.12 by adding subd. 4. Provides a 5% rate increase for substance use disorder treatment services provided by culturally specific or culturally responsive programs, or disability responsive programs, on or after July 1, 2021.</p>
5	<p>Direction to commissioner; culturally and linguistically appropriate services.</p> <p>Requires the commissioner of human services to develop a statewide implementation and transition plan for culturally and linguistically appropriate services (CLAS) national standards, in consultation with listed stakeholders. Requires the commissioner to consult with individuals who are Black, indigenous, people of color, and linguistically diverse in developing these plans.</p>
6	<p>Appropriation; culturally and linguistically appropriate services implementation grants.</p> <p>Appropriates money from the general fund to the commissioner of human services in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for grants to substance use disorder treatment providers to implement CLAS standards, according to the plans developed under section 5.</p>



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